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SUBJ: MAKARIOS DENIES PROGRESS IN TALKS

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- 1. IN MOVE FORECAST BY HIS RECENT DIPLOMATIC CONVERSATIONS AND PRESS INTERVIEWS, ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS JANUARY 26 STATED THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO PROGRESS THUS FAR IN TALKS. SPEAKING AT MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THOSE KILLED IN BATTLE, MAKARIOS QUESTIONED PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS IF THESE WILL LEAD TO LEGALIZATION OF FAITS ACCOMPLIS. PRESIDENT SAID STATEMENTS BY ANKARA OFFICIALS DO NOT PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM.
- 2. MAKARIOS ATTACKED TURKS FOR MURDERING "THOUSANDS OF INNOCENT VICTIMS" IN COLD BLOOD AND FOR MAKING LIVES OF THOSE FEW GREEK CYPRIOTS LIVING IN THEIR AREA "UNBEARABLE." HE DEFIANTLY STATED THAT, WHILE GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE NOT BLIND TO GRIM REALITY OF TURKEY'S MILITARY PRESENCE, THEY "WILL NOT BOW TO VIOLENCE." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST, TO STRUGGLE, TO DEFEND

THEIR HONOR AND DIGNITY.

- 3. ARCHBISHOP CONCLUDED THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REBUILD INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ISLAND. CLAIMED THIS IS A TEST OF UNITED NATIONS' MISSION. SAID CYPRUS IS OF INTEREST TO OTHERS BESIDES GUARANTOR POWERS AND PROMISED CONTINUE EFFORTS "IN ALL DIRECTIONS -- TO THE EAST AND TO THE WEST." HE EXPRESSED CERTAINTY THAT CYPRUS WILL HAVE SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION.
- 4. SPEECH FOLLOWED JANUARY 24 INTERVIEW WITH BBC IN WHICH ARCHBISHOP TOOK SIMILAR LINE BUT CONCENTRATED MORE ON BRITISH FAILINGS.
- 5. COMMENT: THIS IS ARCHBISHOP'S FIRST MAJOR ADDRESS SINCE HIS ANNUAL SPEECH IN DECEMBER. FROM ITS CONTENT IT CLEAR THAT HE IS INTRIGUED BY IDEA OF BREAKING OFF NEGOTIATIONS AND "INTERNATIONALIZING" CYPRUS PROBLEM. CRAWFORD

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